

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] Preferably, the barrier layer is cured at a temperature of up to ~~2", f~~ ^{230°C} ~~170°C~~, preferably approximately about ~~170°C~~ 170°C. The high temperature curing may be of short duration, such as corresponding to web speeds normally used in the packaging laminate production.